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SUBJ: PROGRAM LOAN TO ZAMBIA: STATEMENT FOR USE IN LUSAKA

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT PROVIDED FOR USE BY EMBASSY LUSAKA
AS LOCAL PRESS RELEASE WHEN PROGRAM LOAN AUTHORIZED.
IN ADDITION, AMBASSADOR, AS SHE DEEMS APPROPRIATE, MAY
DRAW UPON IT IN BRIEFING PRESIDENT AND/ OR OTHER SENIOR GRZ
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OFFICIALS ON PROGRAM LOAN.

2. QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) TODAY AUTHORIZED A 5 MILLION (DOLS) LOAN TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA IN ORDER TO ASSIST ZAMBIA TO MEET REQUIREMENTS ARISING FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE ZAMBIAN/ RHODESIAN FRONTIER. THE LOAN HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST BY THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND A UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ASKING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HELP ZAMBIA AND AFTER DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND LUSAKA BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENTS. PROCEEDS FROM THE LOAN ARE LIKELY TO BE USED TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FROM A LIST OF COMMODITIES TO BE JOINTLY AGREED UPON BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IN ADDITION TO AUTHORIZING THIS LOAN TO ZAMBIA, AN AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MALAWI WAS SIGNED IN BLANTYRE ON JUNE 21 FOR A ROAD CONSTRUCTION LOAN WHICH INCLUDES FUNDS FOR FINAL ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK ON THE LILONGWE - MCHINJI ROAD. THIS ROAD WILL BE OF IMPORTANCE TO ZAMBIA AS WELL AS TO MALAWI IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SURFACE ROUTES AVAILABLE TO ZAMBIA FOR TRANSPORT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

ANOTHER ROAD PROJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO ZAMBIA MOVED CLOSER TO COMPLETION WHEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA SIGNED ON JUNE 26 A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GROVE INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR THE BOTSWANA PORTIONS OF THE BOTSWANA- ZAMBIA (BOTZAM) ROAD. FINANCING FOR THIS PROJECT IS BEING PROVIDED BY AN AID LOAN. THE BOTZAM ROAD WILL GREATLY IMPROVE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN LUSAKA AND GABORONES AND WILL PERMIT INCREASED ZAMBIAN IMPORTS FROM AND THROUGH BOTSWANA. END QUOTE.

3. FYI; TOTAL MALAWI LOAN IS FOR 8.3 MILLION (DOLS) OF WHICH 500,000 (DOLS) ALLOCATED TO LILONGWE- MCHINJI ROAD. BOTSWANA CONTRACT INVOLVED MORE THAN 13 MILLION (DOLS) FROM TOTAL LOAN OF MORE THAN 16 MILLION (DOLS).

4. DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO DRAW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ZAMBIAN LOAN BY STATEMENT IN ADDITION TO STANDARD AID PRESS RELEASE.

5. HOPEFULLY LOAN AUTHORIZATION CABLE WILL BE DISPATCHED LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW. ROGERS

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